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Maryland Man Pleads Guilty to Charges in Home Invasion - Two Other Assailants Were Fatally Shot in Confrontation With Police -

WASHINGTON - Stefan Fields, 21, has pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to charges stemming from a home invasion that took place earlier this year in Northeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Fields, of Rockville, Md., pled guilty on May 18, 2011 to charges of first degree burglary while armed and assault with intent to rob while armed. The Honorable Ann O'Regan Keary scheduled his sentencing for August 1, 2011. Under the court's voluntary sentencing guidelines, the defendant faces a sentence within the likely range of 10 ½ to 22 ½ years in prison.

According to the government's investigation, at about 10:30 p.m. on February 13, 2011, the defendant, along with Akeem Cayo, 21, and Dayvonne Sealy, 19, entered a home in the 1000 block of Irving Street NE. Several students of The Catholic University of America lived in the house. When Fields and his companions entered the home, there were 10 people inside.

Fields, Cayo and Sealy were all armed with weapons, and they were wearing black or dark-colored clothing with masks over their faces. Once inside the house, they ordered the 10 people onto the floor and demanded their money and property. They pointed their weapons at the victims, terrorized them, and threatened to kill them if they did not comply with their demands.

As the event was unfolding, one victim was able to call 911, and shortly thereafter, police began to arrive on the scene. As the police established a perimeter around the house, Fields and his companions noticed that the police had surrounded the house. They decided to flee from the front of the home, and following a quick countdown, they opened the front door and began running. During an exchange of gunfire, officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) struck Cayo and Sealy. Both died as a result of their gunshot wounds.

Fields, upon hearing the gunfire and seeing his companions fall, dropped to the ground and surrendered. Following his arrest, he admitted his involvement in the incident.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended MPD Detectives Charles Fultz and Randy Parker of the Fifth District for their investigation of this incident. He also acknowledged the efforts of Paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, and Assistant U.S. Attorney James E. Smith, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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